
**Confirmed Tornado
McGregor, Ontario
September 6, 1990**

Date- Local: Thursday, September 6th, 1990.

UTC: Thursday, September 6th, 1990

Time-Local: 17:45

UTC: 21:45

Location: McGregor

Region: Windsor – Essex – Chatham-Kent

Classification: Confirmed Tornado

Category: B

Casualties: None

Track Length: None Available

Width: None Available

Motion: None Available

Damage Estimate: None Available

F-Scale Rating: F0

Code: AH

Damage Survey: None

Spotter Reports: One

Other Documents:

3 severe weather logs citing tree damage. CANWARN (YXU), reports confirmed sightings of a tornado and funnel cloud at tree top level. Press clipping states 100km/hr winds.

Tornado F-Scale Assessment

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June 16th, 2005.

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Date: Thursday, September 6th, 1990.

Location: McGregor, Windsor – Essex- Chatham-Kent

Assessment: F0

F-Code: AH

Explanation of Assessment: There is a logged report of CANWARN sighting a tornado, with minimal damage done in the area. From a newspaper article, McGregor sustained minor tree damage and some siding was ripped from one man's house. Due to this minimal damage to the house and trees, this tornado is rated an F0.

CLASSIFICATION: Severe Thunderstorm**SOURCE/WATCHER ID:****EVENT TIME (UTC):** 21-45 **EVENT DAY:** 6.0 **MONTH:** 9.0 **YEAR:** 1990.0 **EVENT DURATION (HR):** 0.0 **(MIN):** 0.0**DAY OF THE WEEK:****EVENT LOCALE:** McGregor, Essex Co.**ASOCTD PUBLIC RGN:** Windsor-Essex-Kent

Tornado. Minor damage.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION:**INITIAL ASSESSMENT:** YES**SPL WX STATEMENT IN EFFECT ?:** UKN **STATEMENT LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN):**WATCH IN EFFECT ?:** UKN **WATCH LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN):**WARNING IN EFFECT ?:** UKN **WARNING LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN):**TORNADO:** YES F?**WINDSPEED:****RAINFALL:** MM **RAIN DURATION:****HAIL DIAMETER:** MM **HAIL DESCRIPTION:****EVENT DESCRIPTION:** Tornado**Mesoscale ?:** **Synoptic ?:** **Big Event ?:****Statement Est Hit/Miss:****Watch Est Hit/Miss:****Warning Est Hit/Miss:****Separate Event (30km/30min):** YES**Vetted by:****Vetted date:**

SEVERE WEATHER LOG

DAY	LOCAL TIME	DETAILED DESCRIPTION	EVENT TIME
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6	1900	WALL - CLOUD	1855
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	2200	South Western: heavy rain Streets flooded	
	D725		Flooded wind down trees down
	2255	South Western - STG winds straight line, heavy rain andense strong	buildings (sidings)
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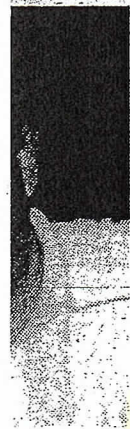
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Storm causes blackouts and floods

By Ian Timberlake
Star Police Reporter

As a political whirlwind swept the province Thursday night, thousands of Essex County residents struggled to deal with another kind of storm.

Heavy rains and high winds tore up trees, ripped the siding from buildings and flooded basements.

Darryl Ackert had just voted and was driving along the Gesto Road near McGregor when he saw the damage left by heavy winds that struck about 5:40 p.m.

"A few sheds had been blown over or blown apart," he said. The winds — which the Windsor Weather Office estimated at 100 km/h — ripped part of the aluminum siding from Ackert's home and snapped trees. "They looked like they had been bent over, torn in half," he said.

The weather office received a report that a funnel cloud hit McGregor about that time. About 30 minutes later, a tornado may have touched down in Colchester North Township.

BUT CONTRARY to earlier news reports, weather office spokesman Randy Mawson said the sightings could not be confirmed until investigators from Environment Canada visited the areas today.

Provincial police said they had no reports of injuries.

Mawson said hail the size of golf balls was reported in Anderdon Township.

"It's just been right crazy out this way," said a Sandwich West Township police spokesman. "We've got flooded basements all over. We've got power out all over."

Lightning strikes caused blackouts in Kingsville and Leamington, beginning about 5 p.m. Power was restored about four hours later, said Kim Allen, area manager for Ontario Hydro.

But the power company's problems only worsened. By 10 p.m. more than 12,000 customers across the southern



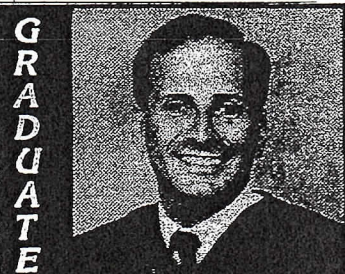
half of the county as well as in Anderdon Township and McGregor were without electricity, Allen said.

Eight people at Hydro's Essex office fielded customer complaints while another 30 tried to repair the lines. But Allen said that as soon as they corrected a problem, lightning knocked out the power again.

Near midnight, close to 3,500 customers were still without hydro and Allen said some would still be in the dark this afternoon.

Lightning hit two houses in Anderdon Township but there were no fires, Fire Chief Don Laframboise said from the fire hall, which was without power.

Police said lightning also struck Amherstburg, where town employees pumped out flooded basements.



KENNETH WILLIAM DUNN

Bill and Bette Dunn of Canard Drive are pleased to announce the graduation of their son, Kenneth William of Burlington. Ken received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in psychology from York University in Toronto. Dr. Dunn continues in his position as psychologist at Chedoke-McMaster Hospital in Hamilton and assistant professor in the Medical School at McMaster University.

Sandwich West Township police reported more than 15 cm. of water across Canard Drive. In Amherstburg, Lowes Sideroad was flooded and Dalhousie Street was closed near the Canadian Coast Guard station.

In Windsor, some people were without power for more than four hours,

said the Windsor Utilities Committee. Power was expected to be restored morning.

The Windsor Weather Office said mm of rain fell Thursday. Firefight had 22 calls in six hours due to lightning.

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STEUBENVILLE, Ohio (AP) - A band of thunderstorms with high winds and driving rains flooded Ohio River communities yesterday with as much as 3 metres (10 feet) of water.

Five Ohio residents were killed by the storms, which began Thursday.

In the Windsor area, thousands of homes were left without power Thursday night after a tornado touched down in a nearby community.

Some farm buildings were damaged but no injuries were reported when the twister, packing winds up to 150 kilometres (93 miles) an hour, uprooted trees after hitting the hamlet of McGregor, about 15 kilometres south of Windsor.

Parts of Windsor remained in the dark yesterday after heavy rains and high winds tore up trees, ripped the siding from buildings and flooded basements. Sept 7/90 Windsor

In Ohio, hundreds of Steubenville residents were flooded out of their homes after 14.4 centimetres (5.71 inches) of rain fell in 24 hours. Schools were closed yesterday.

"I lived down here 15 years, and I've never seen anything like this before," Jessica Keifer said.

United Airlines cancelled 50 per cent of its flights out of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport yesterday.

On Thursday, a sailboat caught in the storm on Lake Erie crashed into a breakwater near Cleveland harbor and broke into pieces. Three women aboard were killed; three men were rescued.

In eastern Ohio, a 50-year-old woman was struck by lightning and killed as she ran for shelter through a farm field.

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